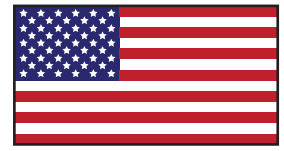


Bill Of Rights



When the leaders of the United States finished writing the Constitution, their work wasn't done. The thirteen states had to agree to it. The thirteen states wanted to add a set of amendments describing the rights of all people. Ten rights, called the Bill of Rights, were added to the Constitution in 1791. Read amendments below and illustrate them in the boxes provided.

Amendment I

People have the right to practice any religion. People have the right to say or publish anything they want. People have a right to protest.

Amendment II

People have the right to carry weapons so they can protect themselves.

Amendment III

People do not have to let soldiers live in their house.

Amendment IV

Other people cannot search you or your belongings without a good reason approved by a judge. They can only do so if they prove to a judge that you might have committed a crime.

Amendment V

You can't be tried for a crime without a Grand Jury meeting. If the jury decides that you are not guilty, you cannot be tried by another jury for that crime. At the trial, you don't have to say anything.

Amendment VI

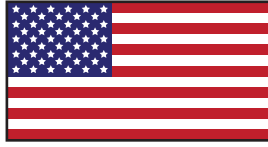
If you are arrested, you have the right to a trial. You cannot be convicted before going on a public trial. You have the right to know the crime you are accused of, to have a lawyer defend you, to see and hear people who are witnesses against you, and to have the government help you get witnesses. The trial will be decided by a jury of your peers.

Amendment VII

When there is a case between two people - called a civil case - you have the right to a jury trial.

Amendment VIII

The government can't force you to pay fines or bails more than a reasonable price or sentence you with cruel and unusual punishment.



Amendment IX

You have other rights outside the Constitution.

Amendment X

Any power not given to the federal government belongs to the states.

